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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 6, 2004. In the Notice it was indicated that there are only 98 claims filed in this divisional application and that the reference to claims 99-117 [Cancelled-previously added] was not proper.

To reply to this Notice applicants request that the reference to claims 99-117 on page 4 of the previously filed Preliminary Amendment be deleted. Accordingly on page 4 of the Preliminary Amendment in the fourth line of text in the section titled "IN THE CLAIMS" please delete -- 99-117. [Cancelled-previously added] --.

It is submitted that the above deletion of material from the Preliminary Amendment places the Preliminary Amendment in compliance with the requirements for amendments to the claims and overcomes the objection set forth in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Accordingly, applicants respectfully

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requests that the patent application be examined with the changes set forth in the Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants have attempted to comply with all of the issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. If there are any issues that still require attention, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called to address these issues in the most efficient manner.

Respectfully submitted,
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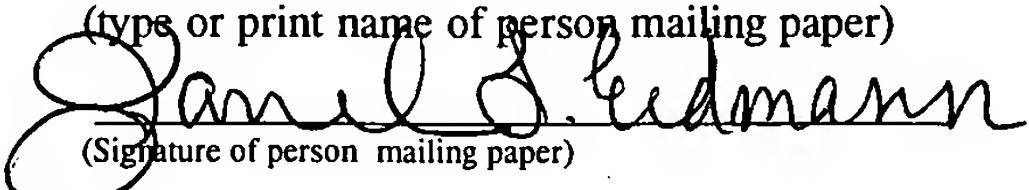
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